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SUBJECT: FMS CREDIT ASSISTANCE FOR GREECE

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1. GOG PROCUREMENT AND CREDIT DESIRES ARE RECOGNIZED AND APPRECIATED. THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ADDITIONAL \$10 MILLION IN FMS CREDIT FOR FY 1974 IS NOW UNDER REVIEW. THE OUTCOME IS UNCERTAIN BECAUSE A SERIOUS SHORTFALL IN THE WORLDWIDE MAP PROGRAM HAS RESULTED IN CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER TO USE FMS CREDITS TO FULFILL IN PART HIGH-PRIORITY COMMITMENTS TO MAJOR MAP RECIPIENTS WHOSE GRANT PROGRAMS FACE SEVERE CUTS THIS FISCAL YEAR. SHOULD ANY OR ALL OF THE \$10 MILLION
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BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR GREECE NEVERTHELESS, WE ASSUME THAT

IN VIEW OF THE \$13 MILLION SHORTFALL FOR THE F-4 PROGRAM,
THE \$10 MILLION WOULD BE APPLIED BY GOG TO COMPLETION OF
THE F-4 PROCUREMENT.

2. LTG PAPANIKOLAOU, CHIEF HELLENIC AIR FORCE, RECENTLY
CONCLUDED A TWO-DAY VISIT TO WASHINGTON. WHILE HERE, HE
DISCUSSED IN DETAIL HAF AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS. AS A RESULT
OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, USAF AND USN ARE NOW PREPARING LETTERS
OF OFFER FOR A-7'S, RF-4E'S, C-130'S, AND T-2D'S. WE
EXPECT THESE LOA'S TO BE READY IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. WHEN
THE LOA'S HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY GOG, WE SHALL EXPECT FROM
GOG AN EXPRESSION OF FIRM NATIONAL PRIORITIES FOR WEAPONS
PROCUREMENT BY SERVICE AND WITHIN EACH SERVICE BY WEAPONS
SYSTEMS. WITH THESE DATA WE CAN THEN ADDRESS SPECIFICALLY
THE CREDIT LEVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR GOG FOR FUTURE YEARS. KISSINGER

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